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I support the work and agreement to clean up Portland Harbor. The proposed preferred alternative does not go far enough to account for the extent of degradation and levels of contamination. The cleaning up of this system needs to be sufficient to account for uncertainties in effectiveness of methods proposed and be able to followup with systematic and regular checks on progress - with adjustments made to modify methodology and focal areas as would be indicated.

As such I support alternative G with direct involvement of EPA in long term management, continued involvement and commitment of the responsible parties and interest groups to not only clean up the contaminated sites but ensure that these efforts compliments the continual need for restoration of natural habitat and ecological processes. Relying on natural recovery in such a highly modified system is not sound practice. What is needed is verifying risk assessment, measuring long term ecological trajectories, and modifying actions from time to time.